

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting
Reading Room
Thursday 14th January 2016

Present:

Cllr Britton (Chairperson), Cllr Wilkins, Cllr Stainer, Cllr Stones, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Tagger, Cllr Smith

In Attendance:

Cllr C Loughran, Cllr G Ayre and 7 members of the public.

Apologies:

Cllr Farrell, Cllr Hoyle.

2016-01-01

Declaration of Interests:

None offered.

2016-01-02

Public Matters:

No items

2016-01-03

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the December meeting were reviewed. These were approved as being a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr Stainer and seconded by Cllr Wilkins.

2016-01--04

Matters arising:

The two local residents who removed the overhanging vegetation which was obscuring two of the road signs on Valley Road have been thanked.

The notice which informs residents of the process required for the Odour log has been posted on the website.

Cllr Stones was thanked for all her efforts in raising money for the Christmas tree lights via the Christmas Tree Raffle at the village shop. Gail and her staff at the village shop put in a great deal of their own time into the organisation of the raffle and were key to its success. Cllr Stones has sent receipts and thank you letters to all those who donated money and those who donated prizes were thanked verbally. Cllr Wilkins said this would go on the website and into the PCC magazine. Councillor Wilkins has informed Street Scene that we no longer need them to cut the grass verges in between the planters.

2016-01-05

Correspondence:

- Email. A resident has contacted Cllr Britton regarding two parking incidents in Sotheron Croft on 10 January. The first involved an ambulance trying to attend an address in Sotheron Croft. The second required the resident and the driver of another car who were

unable to pass each other to call at number 1 Sotheron Croft to ask for a car to be moved. As this follows on from other parking problems Cllr Britton informed PC Paul Guest who spoke to the residents at No 1 and assured Cllr Britton that he carries out regular patrols of the street. Cllr Tagger felt that if an ambulance was being hindered then the problem had escalated. He will contact the Ambulance Service to see if this incident has been recorded and then the Parish Council may consider a mailshot to the local residents.

- Following some related correspondence concerning the school walking bus Cllr Stones has suggested the resident involved contact the School PTFA concerning it's re-instatement.
- Email. David Walker contacted Cllr Britton regarding the potholes in Marl Pit Lane. He has also previously contacted Cllr Loughran. Cllr Wilkins has contacted Highways and the pothole has been dealt with, he also emailed Mr Walker. Cllr Loughran has suggested a joint meeting with herself, Cllr Wilkins and Mr Walker to discuss the general situation with potholes.
- Email. Minerals and Waste Joint Plan. No action to be taken.
- Deborah Hunter has contacted Cllr Britton regarding a recycling clothes bin in the Reading Room for Age Concern. This was agreed.

Finance: 2016-01-06

Cllr Stainer reported that the balance at the end of December stood at £14,192.06p. Cllr Stainer explained that £ 30.61p had been mistakenly paid into the account of the Parish Council. This has now been returned to the Feast and Fair Committee. Cllr Wilkins proposed the accounts be accepted and Cllr Stones seconded this.

There is now the potential to repay £6,000 of the loan payments .Cllr Stainer will get the details of any penalties that might ensue in May 2016.

Payments approved for January 2016. These were:

14.1.16. Direct Debit. Public Works Loan Board Loan repayment.1104.17

14.1.16. Cheque 621. Darrington Feast and Fayre. Repayment of erroneous deposit.30.61p

Proposed by Kelvin Wilkins

Seconded by Mick Britton

2016-01-07

Planning matters:

1 Garden Lane Wentbridge Extension to create a first floor. No comment

Trinity Farm hoarding. Already approved.

Kensworth House alterations. Already approved

Bankswood Stables. Cllr Wilkins reported on his communications with Wakefield Council. All stages of the planning application are still pending. It was decided to continue to keep up with the progress on this matter.

2016-01-08

Christmas tree and Christmas lighting:

Thanks was given to those who took down the decorations in the Reading Room. The lights and tree at the Darrington will be taken down on Sat 16th January. Cllr Britton, Cllr Stainer and Phillip Morrell are currently available to help. Cllr Tagger is also available to help with anything on Sun 17th if necessary.

2016-01--09

Old Orchard

No action at the moment

2016-01-10

York Flood Aid

Cllr Smith wondered if there was anything the Parish Council might do to help the victims of the floods in York. It was felt this was better left to the local council as there was a problem of insuring people outside our immediate area

2016-01-11 Reports:

School:

Nothing to report

Village Field:

Nothing to report.

Police:

There have been no incidents in Darrington, but within the surrounding area there has been a recent increase in thefts.

In Bloom:

It was decided Cllr Wilkins would speak to the gardener about the begonias at the bottom of Wentworth Park Rise which it was thought could be lifted.

Gardening Club:

There had been a good turnout at the last meeting and changes to the Open Garden competition were discussed.

PCC Magazine:

Nothing to report.

Newsletter.

Nothing to report.

A1 Noise Reduction project

Cllr Wilkins reported that he feels he has opened a dialogue with Highways England via email. Cllr Loughran felt it was best to work together on this. Cllr Wilkins will forward her the email trail so far. Darrington is a high priority noise reduction area but possible plans are at a very early stage. A representative from Highways England is prepared to attend one of our meetings.

2016-01-12:

PCC Magazine Page Items

Cllr Smith will submit an item on the cold Calling scheme information. Cllr will also submit an appropriate item regarding the parking issues on Sotheron Croft.

2016-01-13

Minor Items:

No issues

2016-01-14

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 11th February 2016 at 7.00 in the reading room.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm